

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) (a) to (c) It is proposed to set up the following two Gas-based Power Projects in Bharuch district of Gujarat -

(i) Gandhar Combined Cycle Gas Turbine TPS of NTPC 650 MW

(ii) Gandhar combined Cycle Gas Turbine TPS of Gujarat 615 MW

The Gandhar Combined Cycle Gas Turbine TPS (alongwith the Associated Transmission System) of NTPC has since been approved by the Government at an estimated cost of Rs 1860 11 Crores. The project is likely to be completed in a period of 42 months after the award of main plant contract. The necessary infrastructural development at site is progressing satisfactorily. As regards Gandhar Combined Cycle Gas Tribune TPS of Gujarat, it has not got the investment approval. The commissioning of these stations would improve the power supply position of the State of Gujarat and the Western Region.

**\* Expenditure on Telephone Bills of Ministers**

1873 SHRI DAU DAYAL JOSHI Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state the month-wise expenditure incurred on the telephone bills of each of ministers during the last eight months?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P V RANGAYYA NAIDU) The information has been called for from the concerned Ministries and it will be placed on the Table of The House as soon as it is received.

[English]

**Expansion of Telephone Exchanges in Kerala**

1874. SHRI THAYIL JOHN ANJALOSE Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state

(a) the details regarding the expansion of telephone exchanges in Kerala,

(b) whether the Government propose to set up new telephone exchanges in Kerala during 1992-93, and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P V RANGAYYA NAIDU) (a) There were 639 telephone exchanges in Kerala state as on 31 3 1991. During the current financial year 1991-92, 94 telephone exchanges have been expanded upto 31st January, 1992 with total addition in the Switching Capacity by 30545 lines. 73 more telephone exchanges are likely to be expanded during the remaining part of the year.

(b) Yes, Sir

(c) 10 New telephone exchanges are planned to be opened during 92-93 at Po-laorkavu, Karimpon, Kanjikuzhy, Vazhavara, Puliymmala, Mekkadamba, Delampady, Rajagiri, Vettilapara and Nilamel in the State of Kerala.

[Translation]

**Supply of Power from Rihand Dam**

\*1875 SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state

(a) whether power to Bihar is no supplied from Rihand Dam,